



The Communitarian

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The deadline for the September issue of *The Communitarian* is August 20th. Submit your input to office@communityuu.org

August 2~

“Faith Lives in Honest Doubt”

Speaker: Rev. Judy Welles, minister emeritus of Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania

In a religion such as ours, where we are expected to question, doubt can play a valuable role. Yet in order not to spill over into cynicism, doubt must be balanced by faith. Today we’ll explore the role of honest doubt in religious authenticity.

Worship Associate: Diane Reed

Musician: Ellen Fillion

August 9~

“Ecstasy, Then the Laundry”

Speaker: John Roach and Zahra Khan

About our experience of finding a shared Spiritual language before marriage and what happened afterwards.

Worship Associate: Diane Reed

Musician: Ellen Fillion

August 16~

“Life Lessons”

Speaker: Alex Emig

Watching my father battle a life-threatening illness has caused me to reflect on my life. Come hear the stories behind some of the lessons he taught me.

Worship Associate: Alex Emig

Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex

August 23~

“Woven Threads”

Speaker: Teri Robertson

Weaving old and new, our past, our future, goodbyes, and welcomes as summer begins its end.

Worship Associate: Mike Truex

Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex

August 30~

“Work and Rest: The Rhythm of Our Lives”

Speaker: Diane Reed

This sermon, by the Rev. Cathy Bowers, addresses the work/rest balance that is missing from so many of our lives. As we approach Labor Day, it offers some interesting background and suggestions for how to improve that balance.

Worship Associate: Diane Reed

Musician: Ellen Fillion

President

From the President!

Respectfully Submitted by Mark Painter



Greetings this toasty summer,

I hope everyone's lives and loves and work and vacation are all going well. Even with many of our congregation out of town, we are still having good attendance on Sundays.

As usual, we are looking for people to sponsor events, classes, study groups or picnics that bring our people together. We also need committee members on most committees.

Caring (Hearts & Hands) Committee shall be responsible for working with the minister in supporting the needs for pastoral care of members and the Congregation.

Finance Committee shall be responsible for gathering information to create a draft annual budget and works with the Treasurer for the financial well-being of the church, including overseeing the annual canvass, preparing a proposed budget when the annual canvass is complete, monitoring stewardship within the Congregation, overseeing fund raising, and continuing gathering pledges throughout the year.

Hospitality Committee shall serve as a resource for church services and special events and provides for management of the kitchen.

Religious Education Committee, in consultation with Religious Education Coordinator, shall plan, organize, and direct the religious education staff and programs for children and youth.

Adult Education Committee, in consultation with the Minister, shall plan, organize, and direct the religious education staff and programs for adults.

Membership Committee shall be responsible for inviting, orienting, and supporting members.

Personnel Committee shall provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees on personnel policies, job descriptions, and fair compensation for paid positions.

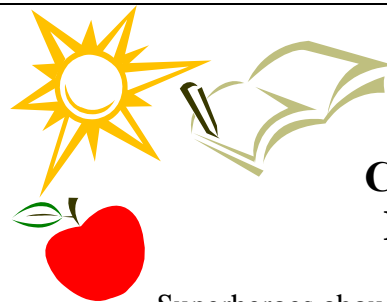
Worship Committee shall be responsible for supporting the Minister for Sunday and special Services and for the quality of Sunday Services when the Minister is absent.

If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas, please contact myself or any member of the Board of Trustees.

Also, let your friends know that we will be welcoming our new Minister Doak in September.

Blessed Be,
Mark Painter

Religious Education Children & Youth



RE Children's Program

Superheroes abound at CUUC! On June 28th, Jordan Chaney led members of the Congregation in an exploration of our superhero potential. Participants used their imaginations to create characters with amazing powers and admirable qualities, donning a variety of costumes and props. Be sure to check out the superhero

photos and poems on bulletin boards in the sanctuary.

For much of August, children's Religious Education (RE) will be a mix of explorations, games, crafts, and projects for Elementary and Middle School groups combined. Together, they will share in the playful and carefree opportunities that summer brings. On August 16th, Middle School and Elementary groups will have separate sessions.

Mentors, Assistants, and Guests

Being an RE mentor, assistant, or guest is a fun way to contribute to community as well as a way to foster warm relationships across the generations. If you would like to be a mentor, assistant, or guest or have a special interest or activity you would like to share with the kids, please contact Shannon Hays-Truex at mike.shannon.truex@gmail.com.

Nursery/Preschool Needs

We need more mentors and assistants for the Nursery/Preschool group. The primary emphasis in this group is *free play* and *fun*! Please let me know if you are interested in participating in this way.

RE Retreat August 15th

We will have an RE Retreat on Saturday, **August 15th**. Current RE Team members and anyone interested in joining the RE Team as a mentor or assistant are welcome to attend.

We will take this opportunity to reflect on last year's RE successes and challenges as well as consider new strategies and possibilities as we plan for the coming year. We will also explore some RE resources from General Assembly.

We will meet at church from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, so bring a sack lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

I look forward to collaborating with you all to create another fun year of RE!



Board & Committee News

Board Meeting August 4, 2015 @ 6:30p.m.

Hospitality

Souper Sunday will continue in the Fall!

Green Sanctuary

No New News!

Hands & Heart

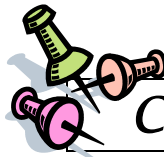


The Hands and Hearts Committee would like to remind you that we are here to help, not just for big events where we all cry or laugh, but also for the little things as well. We are here to help you out in any way we can. You can seek us out at church (our name tags have the heart stickers) or call us up at home. (If one of us doesn't answer, keep on trying other numbers). If you know of somebody who needs looked in on, or if you want to discuss your own situation, please give us a ring. Bev is our card person, if you know someone who needs to receive a Get-Well Card, Sympathy card, etc. please contact her.

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Jo Lindenmeier	586-3451
	366-3953
Marla Marvin	545-1919
Bev & Bryan Schroeder	371-1572
Gail Taff	375-3293

Beginning in June, Women's Luncheons will be held at Howard Amon Park. Look for us at the east end of Lee Blvd, just to the right of the turning circle. If you arrive first, please hold a table (preferably in the shade). In the event of wind or rain we'll meet at the Richland Community Center lobby. Mark your calendar for the third Tuesday of the month.

Sharon Faletti ~375-0467



CUUC Bulletin Board

The CUUC Men's Group meets on the third Friday of the month, beginning at 5:30 PM. Do not be afraid to be fashionably late! We are now primed for thought provoking debate, the world has turned, its time to expand the conversation and get our creative juices flowing. The topics are often "out of this world."

Our next meeting is August 21st, and we plan to meet at the church. Dinner will be provided, but bring your own beverage (BYOB). To find out more about the group experience, please leave a voice message for Fred Dunhour (208-522-4657) or e-mail: fred.dunhour@mindspring.com.

Social Justice

No new news!

Women's Luncheon!

Tuesday, August 18, 2015
@12:00p.m.



